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FIRE RESTRICTIONS BEGIN AT SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK

Tucson, AZ – Due to increased fire danger in southern Arizona, Saguaro National Park will implement fire restrictions in both the Rincon and Tucson Mountain Districts, beginning Wednesday, June 6, 2012. These restrictions coincide with similar restrictions going into effect on other public lands in southern Arizona.

The fire restrictions prohibit the following acts:

- 1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or wood stove fire, including within a developed recreation site or improved site [36 CFR 2.13(a)].**
Exception: The use of liquid petroleum or LPG fueled stoves, lanterns, or heating devices is allowed as long as such devices meet the fire underwriter's specifications for safety.
- 2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle [36 CFR 2.21(a)]**

The purpose of these restrictions is to ensure the safety of park visitors and employees, and for the protection of National Park Service lands, resources and facilities. These restrictions are dependent upon fire activity and weather conditions, and will remain in effect until conditions improve. These restrictions are pursuant to the authority contained in Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 1.5(a)(1) and 1.5(a)(3).

Although the sale of ground and hand-held fireworks and their use in some locations is now legal in Arizona, the use and possession of all fireworks is always prohibited on National Park Service lands, including Saguaro National Park.

These restrictions will remain in effect until conditions improve. Violation of these restrictions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or imprisonment for no more than six months, or both.

For local fire restrictions and fire information for Federal, Tribal and State lands in Arizona and New Mexico, visit <http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc>.

For further information about restrictions at Saguaro, please call the Saguaro Fire Information Hotline at (520) 733-5150 or contact Chief Ranger Bob Love at (520) 591-1013, or Park Ranger Andy Fisher at (520) 733-5139.

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